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### Good Morning Folks

I hope all is well for you going into the weekend. Even though this is a short week it sure feels long. Its funny how that sometimes works. I know it seems especially long since I stare out to the front yard and still see my two trash bags there waiting to be picked up. Maybe the third day will be the charm. I know crews get behind when the weather gets bad, but with the temperatures going up it is likely a race between them and the racoons. Hopefully my neighbors have tastier treats in their garbage than I do. I can't see bringing it back in at night, since what if they get an earlier start the next morning and I miss getting it out there.

Son 2 is in school today, at least I hope he is. I haven't heard him come back inside yet so I am assuming the jeep started and he didn't need a jump. The roads up here seem ok so maybe I will even venture out this weekend. I need to buy a few more things to start some projects including starting some vegetable seeds for the coming year. I bought some LED grow lights and set them up in our backroom on a shelving unit so hopefully I can be a little more organized than last year when I had stuff just strewn around the garage. We did have a pretty good harvest last year but the tomatoes were too late so I am hoping to get a better jump on things. I hear that we are supposed to jump above freezing for the first time in awhile today. I may have to take a little bit of time out of the day and go for a nice long walk with Clyde.

### News

- This was good news to see this yesterday..."*We are pleased to share that E&E News, the news organization that publishes Energywire, Climatewire, E&E Daily, Greenwire, and E&E News PM, has returned to the [EPA Desktop Library](#) as a publication resource.*"
- Perhaps you have been following with interest, some of the issues surrounding an Ethanol plant up in Nebraska. Ed mentioned it briefly yesterday as the situation took a weird turn with the cold weather. [https://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/spill-from-troubled-mead-ethanol-plant-traveled-4-miles-in-waterways-state-says/article\\_b2cd27a1-643d-5c99-befe-fe8cffe80e.html#:~:text=Nebraska%20launches%20new%20site%20to%20calculate%2](https://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/spill-from-troubled-mead-ethanol-plant-traveled-4-miles-in-waterways-state-says/article_b2cd27a1-643d-5c99-befe-fe8cffe80e.html#:~:text=Nebraska%20launches%20new%20site%20to%20calculate%2)

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- I didn't come to the Region until after Paul Johnson left IDNR, but this was a pretty nice writeup in the Des Moines Register  
<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/2021/02/17/paul-johnson-iowa-national-conservation-leader-dies-79/6780475002/>
- Holy smokes...going to be busy in the courtroom. <https://www.eenews.net/stories/1063725289>

## Cartoons

Occasionally I miss submissions (shocker I know) since I get hundreds of emails a day. I just noticed that I missed one from Bob last week. Sorry Bob. Never had a TV that old but definitely had one that big, and I'm guessing with more wood.

*My parents would not let me watch cartoons after 11 am. The original Spiderman came on at 11:30, so I snuck up to the room and quietly watch it on my parents first TV in my room, yes it was a Philco with all the tubes. I have not heard anyone talk about Huckleberry Hound, Yogi Bear, Underdog, Tennessee Tuxedo, Space Ghost (lots of Hanna-Barbera). However, the Jetsons, Flintstones and Johnny Quest were on evening TV in the early 60's. I remember the Jetsons on Sunday night but cannot remember if it was before or after the Wonderful World of Disney which was hosted by Walt, himself. Sometimes, there were Disney cartoons, also.*

*In the early 60's my family moved to Orange, TX, as my Dad worked for Firestone in plastics. The local TV station had cartoons on till early afternoon, which was after I got home from kindergarten. I remember watching one day when my cartoons were rudely interrupted by a news bulletin. I remember angrily running into the kitchen to tell my mom that my cartoons were stopped because someone shot the President. That was a strange fall as my dad was transferred to the Hopewell, VA, plant, we went through two hurricanes and by the first of the year, we were all living in Hopewell. That was the beginning of our odyssey into the Midwest.*



Bob mentioned a bunch of cartoons that I remember but the fun one in there for me is Tennesse Tuxedo (voiced by Don Adams of Maxwell Smart fame) who's pal Chumlee was a walrus who had feet, which always bugged me as a kid. Tennesse Tuxedo was from the same company and animation style as Underdog, Rocky and Bullwinkle, and Dudley Do-Right and I remember them together as I would have been watching these in syndication a decade or so after they came out. I had to look him up but there was a segment that used to show up every once in a while called Commander McBragg which was a hoot...maybe you know a Commander McBragg in your life. Also so not appropriate for little kids...  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4roxM8hUMk>. And they say there is too much violence on TV now. I have one more cartoon submission from Chelsea, so get yours in so we can finish up February strong.

## **Reddit Shower Thoughts**

**Re-signed and resigned are exact opposites.**

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